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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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AMEMBASSY MADRID

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TAGS: CDES, SP (PETTUM, FREDERICK)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMCIT AND DISPOSITION OF STATE

REF: A) BANGKOK 0084, B) BANGKOK 0399, C) BANGKOK 0745, AND
D) VIENTIANE 0093.

1. AS REQUESTED REF A, ON JANUARY 4TH A TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO
MRS. GWEN PETTUM, APARTADO 349, IBIZA, BY CONGEN DUTY OFFICER
QUOTING YOURTEL.

2. UPON RECEIPT REF B, THIS CONGEN ASCERTAINED THROUGH IBIZA
POST OFFICE THAT PREVIOUS TELEGRAM HAD RECEIVED BY MRS. PETTUM
AND SENT HER ANOTHER TELEGRAM RECONFIRMING YOUR 0084 AND
REQUESTING HER TO SEND YOU PROMPTLY INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING
DISPOSITION OF REMAINS AND EFFECTS OF HUSBAND. WE ALSO ASKED
MRS. PETTUM TO CONFIRM TO THIS OFFICE RECEIPT OF BOTH TELEGRAMS,
WHICH SHE NEVER DID.

3. UPON RECEIPT REF D, CONGEN THROUGH ASSISTANCE OF IBIZA POST
OFFICE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO REACH MRS. PETTUM BY TELEPHONE. AS
REQUESTED VIENTIANE 0093, MRS. PETTUM WAS URGED TO OBTAIN
NECESSARY EVIDENCE OF HER RIGHT TO ESTATE AND WAS EXPLAINED
IN DETAIL PROCEDURES AS SET FORTH IN 7 FAM 446.2. SHE WAS ALSO
INFORMED ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S POSSIBLE BANK ACCOUNT WITH BANK
OF AMERICA IN SAN FRANCISCO. SHE IS BEING SENT AN AFFIDAVIT
OF NEXT-OF-KIN FORM FOR HER USE IF NECESSARY.

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4. UPON RECEIPT OF REF C, THIS CONGEN HAS AGAIN TELEPHONED MRS. PETTUM REQUESTING HER TO SEND IMMEDIATELY DIRECTLY TO YOU HER INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DISPOSITION OF HER HUSBAND'S REMAINS AND APPROVAL FOR RELEASE PERSONAL EFFECTS OF HUSBAND TO FAO REP BANGKOK.

5. MRS. PETTUM APPEARS TO BE MOST CONFUSED AND CLAIMED SHE HAD NOT ANSWERED ANY TELEGRAMS BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT EVERYTHING WAS TO BE HANDLED BY FAO OFFICE AT ROME.

6. MRS. PETTUM HAS PROMISED TO SEND IMMEDIATELY TELEGRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS TO YOU IN RESPONSE TO REFTELS AND HAS ASKED THAT WHEN YOU SEND HER THE INVENTORY OF HER HUSBAND'S EFFECTS YOU EXPLAIN IN WRITING TO HER THE INSTRUCTIONS AS SET FORTH IN 7 FAM 446.2.

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